

<b>TO:</b> Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	<b>REPORT ON THE</b> <b>FILING OR DETERMINATION OF AN</b> <b>ACTION REGARDING A PATENT OR</b> <b>TRADEMARK</b>
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DOCKET NO	DATE FILED	U.S. DISTRICT COURT	
1:07cv1044	10/17/07	Eastern District of Virginia	
<b>PLAINTIFF</b>  PIXELOPTICS, INC., and E-VISION, LLC		<b>DEFENDANT</b>  OPHTHONIX, INC. and DR. MICHAEL J. BERMEL	
<b>PATENT OR TRADEMARK NO.</b>		<b>DATE OF PATENT OR TRADEMARK</b>	<b>HOLDER OF PATENT OR TRADEMARK</b>
1 U.S. Patent 6,918,670		July 19, 2005	e-Vision
2 U.S. Patent 7,234,809		June 26, 2007	e-Vision
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MICHAEL W. DORRINS  
CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

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SANFORD, L.P.,

Plaintiff,

- vs. -

NINGBO BEIFA GROUP CO., LTD.,

Defendant.

07CV5970

JUDGE ANDERSEN  
MAG. JUDGE VALDEZ

JURY DEMAND

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**COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

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For its complaint against defendant NINGBO BEIFA GROUP CO., LTD. ("defendant"), plaintiff SANFORD, L.P. ("Sanford") hereby states as follows:

**Nature of the Action**

1. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the United States patent laws, 35 U.S.C. § 1, *et seq.*

**Parties**

2. Sanford is an Illinois limited partnership with its principle place of business at 2707 Butterfield Road, Oak Brook, Illinois.

3. Upon information and belief, defendant is a Chinese corporation with its principle place of business at No. 298, Jiangnan East Road, H Xiaogang, Beilun District, Ningbo, China.

**Jurisdiction**

4. This action arises under the patent laws of the United States. 35 U.S.C. § 1,

*et seq.* This court enjoys subject matter jurisdiction over this controversy pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338.

**COUNT I**  
**INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 5,048,990**

5. On September 17, 1991, the United States Patent and Trademark Office duly and legally issued U.S. Patent No. 5,048,990, entitled "WRITING INSTRUMENT WITH DRYING-PREVENTING MECHANISM" (hereinafter, "the '990 patent"). A copy of the '990 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

6. Sanford is the sole and exclusive licensee of the '990 patent and enjoys the right to sue to recover past damages for infringement.

7. Upon information and belief, defendant is using, making, having made, selling and/or offering to sell products that infringe the '990 patent, including by selling and/or offering to sell products that are sold and/or offered for sale throughout the United States, including in this state and district.

8. Defendant's infringement of the '990 patent has damaged Sanford and, if continuing, will cause irreparable harm to Sanford unless enjoined by this Court.

9. On information and belief, defendant has been aware of the '990 patent since at least June 2007.

10. Under the circumstances, and on further information and belief, defendant's infringement of the '990 patent has been and continues to be willful.

WHEREFORE, Sanford prays that this honorable Court grant Sanford the following relief:

A. Declare that defendant has infringed U.S. Patent No. 5,048,990;

B. Preliminarily and permanently enjoin defendant, its officers, agents, servants and employees, and all those persons in active concert and participation with any of them, from infringing U.S. Patent No. 5,048,990;

C. Award Sanford money damages, including pre-judgment interest, sufficient to compensate Sanford for defendant's infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty;

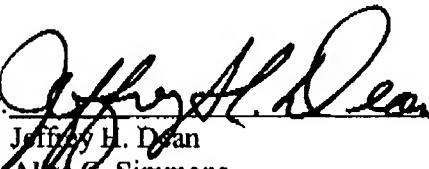
D. Declare that defendant's infringement of U.S. Patent No. 5,048,990 has been willful, and award Sanford three times actual damages;

E. If the facts demonstrate that this case is exceptional pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285, order defendant to reimburse Sanford for its attorney's fees and costs reasonably incurred in prosecuting this action; and

F. Award Sanford such other and further relief as this Court deems just and reasonable under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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Counsel for Plaintiff  
SANFORD, L.P.

Dated: October 22, 2007



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DOCKET NO.	DATE FILED 10/23/2007	U.S. DISTRICT COURT Eastern District of Texas, Tyler Division
PLAINTIFF Trent West		DEFENDANT Target Corporation Helzberg Diamond Shops, Inc. d/b/a Helzberg Diamonds
PATENT OR TRADEMARK NO.	DATE OF PATENT OR TRADEMARK	HOLDER OF PATENT OR TRADEMARK
1 7,076,972 B2	7/18/2006	Trent West
2 6,928,734 B1	8/16/2005	Trent West
3 6,990,736 B2	1/31/2006	Trent West
4 7,032,314 B2	4/25/2006	Trent West
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DOCKET NO. 2:07-cv-464	DATE FILED 10/22/2007	U.S. DISTRICT COURT Eastern District of Texas
PLAINTIFF PHOENIX IP, LLC		DEFENDANT SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC ENGINEERING SERVICES, LLC, ET AL.
PATENT OR TRADEMARK NO.	DATE OF PATENT OR TRADEMARK	HOLDER OF PATENT OR TRADEMARK
1 6,169,979 B1	1/2/2001	PHOENIX IP, LLC
2 6,577,962 B1	6/10/2007	PHOENIX IP, LLC
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07cv2038-WQH-RBB	10/19/2007	Southern District of California
PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	
Greenlee Textron, Inc.	Heritage Technologies, Inc. Et al.	
PATENT OR TRADEMARK NO.	PATENT OR TRADEMARK NO.	PATENT OR TRADEMARK NO.
1 See Attached <b>5,157,336</b>	6	11
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<b>DOCKET</b> 07-cv-05993	<b>DATE FILED</b> 10/23/2007	<b>UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, EASTERN DIVISION</b>
<b>PLAINTIFF</b> Genender International Inc.	<b>DEFENDANT</b> Skagen Designs, LTD.	
<b>PATENT NO.</b>	<b>DATE OF PATENT</b>	<b>PATENTEE</b>
US D515,947 S	2/28/2006	Skagen Designs, LTD.

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<b>CLERK</b> Michael W. Dobbins	<b>(BY) DEPUTY CLERK</b> <i>Tiana Davis</i> Tiana Davis	<b>DATE</b> 10/24/2007